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Renata B. Hesse
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RE: Proposed Settlement of *US v. Microsoft*

Dear Ms. Hesse:

I support the Department of Justice and the nine state Attorneys General for their efforts to finally put an end to *US v. Microsoft* and agree to a settlement that is in the best interest of the nation and Washington State.

A driving force for the new economy, Microsoft has provided a number of innovative, quality software solutions for businesses and individual consumers over the years. Microsoft has also created thousands of jobs in Washington State. The company's employment growth has had a positive multiplier effect on our economy - one study estimates that every Microsoft job results in an additional 3.4 Washington jobs. Microsoft's presence in this state contributes to a high-tech sector that employed more than 130,000 Washingtonians in 2000 and generated \$15.5 billion in state payroll in 1999.

The provisions of this settlement, worked out with one of the nation's top mediators, will allow Microsoft and its competitors to continue developing new products and services. This is undoubtedly good for the high technology industry, the Washington state economy and the nation's economy as a whole.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sid Snyder", written over a horizontal line.

Sid Snyder
State Senator, 19th District

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